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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5506

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5506 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following.

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 15-102 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/15-102) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 15-102)

7 Sec. 15-102. Width of Vehicles.

8 (a) On Class III and non-designated State and local  
9 highways, the total outside width of any vehicle or load  
10 thereon shall not exceed 8 feet.

11 (b) Except during those times when, due to insufficient  
12 light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and  
13 vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a  
14 distance of 1000 feet, the following vehicles may exceed the 8  
15 feet limitation during the period from a half hour before  
16 sunrise to a half hour after sunset:

17 (1) Loads of hay, straw or other similar farm products  
18 provided that the load is not more than 12 feet wide.

19 (2) Implements of husbandry being transported on  
20 another vehicle and the transporting vehicle while loaded.

21 The following requirements apply to the transportation  
22 on another vehicle of an implement of husbandry wider than  
23 8 feet 6 inches on the National System of Interstate and  
24 Defense Highways or other highways in the system of State

1 highways:

2 (A) The driver of a vehicle transporting an  
3 implement of husbandry that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches in  
4 width shall obey all traffic laws and shall check the  
5 roadways prior to making a movement in order to ensure  
6 that adequate clearance is available for the movement.  
7 It is prima facie evidence that the driver of a vehicle  
8 transporting an implement of husbandry has failed to  
9 check the roadway prior to making a movement if the  
10 vehicle is involved in a collision with a bridge,  
11 overpass, fixed structure, or properly placed traffic  
12 control device or if the vehicle blocks traffic due to  
13 its inability to proceed because of a bridge, overpass,  
14 fixed structure, or properly placed traffic control  
15 device.

16 (B) Flags shall be displayed so as to wave freely  
17 at the extremities of overwidth objects and at the  
18 extreme ends of all protrusions, projections, and  
19 overhangs. All flags shall be clean, bright red flags  
20 with no advertising, wording, emblem, or insignia  
21 inscribed upon them and at least 18 inches square.

22 (C) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on the  
23 front and rear of all vehicles with loads over 10 feet  
24 wide. These signs must have 12-inch high black letters  
25 with a 2-inch stroke on a yellow sign that is 7 feet  
26 wide by 18 inches high.

27 (D) One civilian escort vehicle is required for a  
28 load that exceeds 14 feet 6 inches in width and 2  
29 civilian escort vehicles are required for a load that  
30 exceeds 16 feet in width on the National System of  
31 Interstate and Defense Highways or other highways in  
32 the system of State highways.

33 (E) The requirements for a civilian escort vehicle  
34 and driver are as follows:

1           (1) The civilian escort vehicle shall be a  
2 passenger car or a second division vehicle not  
3 exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds  
4 that is designed to afford clear and unobstructed  
5 vision to both front and rear.

6           (2) The escort vehicle driver must be properly  
7 licensed to operate the vehicle.

8           (3) While in use, the escort vehicle must be  
9 equipped with illuminated rotating, oscillating,  
10 or flashing amber lights or flashing amber strobe  
11 lights mounted on top that are of sufficient  
12 intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal  
13 sunlight.

14           (4) "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs are mandatory on all  
15 escort vehicles. The sign on an escort vehicle  
16 shall have 8-inch high black letters on a yellow  
17 sign that is 5 feet wide by 12 inches high.

18           (5) When only one escort vehicle is required  
19 and it is operating on a two-lane highway, the  
20 escort vehicle shall travel approximately 300 feet  
21 ahead of the load. The rotating, oscillating, or  
22 flashing lights or flashing amber strobe lights  
23 and an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign shall be displayed on  
24 the escort vehicle and shall be visible from the  
25 front. When only one escort vehicle is required and  
26 it is operating on a multilane divided highway, the  
27 escort vehicle shall travel approximately 300 feet  
28 behind the load and the sign and lights shall be  
29 visible from the rear.

30           (6) When 2 escort vehicles are required, one  
31 escort shall travel approximately 300 feet ahead  
32 of the load and the second escort shall travel  
33 approximately 300 feet behind the load. The  
34 rotating, oscillating, or flashing lights or

1 flashing amber strobe lights and an "OVERSIZE  
2 LOAD" sign shall be displayed on the escort  
3 vehicles and shall be visible from the front on the  
4 lead escort and from the rear on the trailing  
5 escort.

6 (7) When traveling within the corporate limits  
7 of a municipality, the escort vehicle shall  
8 maintain a reasonable and proper distance from the  
9 oversize load, consistent with existing traffic  
10 conditions.

11 (8) A separate escort shall be provided for  
12 each load hauled.

13 (9) The driver of an escort vehicle shall obey  
14 all traffic laws.

15 (10) The escort vehicle must be in safe  
16 operational condition.

17 (11) The driver of the escort vehicle must be  
18 in radio contact with the driver of the vehicle  
19 carrying the oversize load.

20 (F) A transport vehicle while under load of more  
21 than 8 feet 6 inches in width must be equipped with an  
22 illuminated rotating, oscillating, or flashing amber  
23 light or lights or a flashing amber strobe light or  
24 lights mounted on the top of the cab that are of  
25 sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in  
26 normal sunlight. If the load on the transport vehicle  
27 blocks the visibility of the amber lighting from the  
28 rear of the vehicle, the vehicle must also be equipped  
29 with an illuminated rotating, oscillating, or flashing  
30 amber light or lights or a flashing amber strobe light  
31 or lights mounted on the rear of the load that are of  
32 sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in  
33 normal sunlight.

34 (G) When a flashing amber light is required on the

1 transport vehicle under load and it is operating on a  
2 two-lane highway, the transport vehicle shall display  
3 to the rear at least one rotating, oscillating, or  
4 flashing light or a flashing amber strobe light and an  
5 "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign. When a flashing amber light is  
6 required on the transport vehicle under load and it is  
7 operating on a multilane divided highway, the sign and  
8 light shall be visible from the rear.

9 (H) Maximum speed shall be 45 miles per hour on all  
10 such moves or 5 miles per hour above the posted minimum  
11 speed limit, whichever is greater, but the vehicle  
12 shall not at any time exceed the posted maximum speed  
13 limit.

14 (3) Portable buildings designed and used for  
15 agricultural and livestock raising operations that are not  
16 more than 14 feet wide and with not more than a 1 foot  
17 overhang along the left side of the hauling vehicle.  
18 However, the buildings shall not be transported more than  
19 10 miles and not on any route that is part of the National  
20 System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

21 All buildings when being transported shall display at least  
22 2 red cloth flags, not less than 12 inches square, mounted as  
23 high as practicable on the left and right side of the building.

24 A State Police escort shall be required if it is necessary  
25 for this load to use part of the left lane when crossing any 2  
26 laned State highway bridge.

27 (c) Vehicles propelled by electric power obtained from  
28 overhead trolley wires operated wholly within the corporate  
29 limits of a municipality are also exempt from the width  
30 limitation.

31 (d) Exemptions are also granted to vehicles designed for  
32 the carrying of more than 10 persons under the following  
33 conditions:

34 (1) (Blank);

1           (2) When operated within any public transportation  
2 service with the approval of local authorities or an  
3 appropriate public body authorized by law to provide public  
4 transportation. Any vehicle so operated may be 8 feet 6  
5 inches in width; or

6           (3) When a county engineer or superintendent of  
7 highways, after giving due consideration to the mass  
8 transportation needs of the area and to the width and  
9 condition of the road, has determined that the operation of  
10 buses wider than 8 feet will not pose an undue safety  
11 hazard on a particular county or township road segment, he  
12 or she may authorize buses not to exceed 8 feet 6 inches in  
13 width on any highway under that engineer's or  
14 superintendent's jurisdiction.

15           (d-5) A recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1-169,  
16 may exceed 8 feet 6 inches in width if the excess width is  
17 attributable to appurtenances that extend 6 inches or less  
18 beyond either side of the body of the vehicle. As used in this  
19 Section, an "appurtenance" includes (i) a retracted awning and  
20 its support hardware and (ii) any appendage that is intended to  
21 be an integral part of a recreational vehicle.

22           (e) A vehicle and load traveling upon the National System  
23 of Interstate and Defense Highways or any other highway in the  
24 system of State highways that has been designated as a Class I  
25 or Class II highway by the Department, or any street or highway  
26 designated by local authorities, may have a total outside width  
27 of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that certain safety devices that  
28 the Department determines as necessary for the safe and  
29 efficient operation of motor vehicles shall not be included in  
30 the calculation of width.

31           (e-1) A vehicle and load more than 8 feet wide but not  
32 exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width is allowed access according  
33 to the following:

34           (1) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds in

1 weight is allowed access from any State designated highway  
2 onto any county, township, or municipal highway for a  
3 distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of loading and  
4 unloading, provided:

5 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65 feet  
6 overall length.

7 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

8 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare  
9 between State designated highways.

10 (2) A vehicle and load not exceeding 73,280 pounds in  
11 weight is allowed access from any State designated highway  
12 onto any county or township highway for a distance of 5  
13 highway miles or onto any municipal highway for a distance  
14 of one highway mile for the purpose of food, fuel, repairs,  
15 and rest, provided:

16 (A) The vehicle and load does not exceed 65 feet  
17 overall length.

18 (B) There is no sign prohibiting that access.

19 (C) The route is not being used as a thoroughfare  
20 between State designated highways.

21 (3) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds in  
22 weight is allowed access from a Class I highway onto any  
23 street or highway for a distance of one highway mile for  
24 the purpose of loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and  
25 rest, provided there is no sign prohibiting that access.

26 (4) A vehicle and load not exceeding 80,000 pounds in  
27 weight is allowed access from a Class I or Class II highway  
28 onto any State highway or any locally designated highway  
29 for a distance of 5 highway miles for the purpose of  
30 loading, unloading, food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

31 (5) A trailer or semi-trailer not exceeding 28 feet 6  
32 inches in length, that was originally in combination with a  
33 truck tractor, shall have unlimited access to points of  
34 loading and unloading.

1           (6) All household goods carriers shall have unlimited  
2           access to points of loading and unloading.

3           Section 5-35 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act  
4           relating to procedures for rulemaking shall not apply to the  
5           designation of highways under this paragraph (e).

6           (f) Mirrors required by Section 12-502 of this Code and  
7           other safety devices identified by the Department may project  
8           up to 14 inches beyond each side of a bus and up to 6 inches  
9           beyond each side of any other vehicle, and that projection  
10          shall not be deemed a violation of the width restrictions of  
11          this Section.

12          (g) Any person who is convicted of violating this Section  
13          is subject to the penalty as provided in paragraph (b) of  
14          Section 15-113.

15          (Source: P.A. 92-417, eff. 1-1-02; 93-177, eff. 7-11-03.)".